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Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the President of the General Assembly

1. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General (A/51/108), the General Assembly is required, during its current session, to appoint five members of the Joint Inspection Unit to fill the vacancies that will arise from the expiration on 31 December 1997 of the terms of office of Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha (Algeria), Mr. Homero Luis Hernández Sánchez (Dominican Republic), Mr. Boris Petrovich Krasulin (Russian Federation), Mr. Francesco Mezzalama (Italy) and Mr. Khalil Issa Othman (Jordan).

2. In accordance with the procedures described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the President of the General Assembly, having consulted the regional groups, and on the basis of the candidates submitted by the African, Eastern European, Latin American and Caribbean and Western European and other States (see annexes I to IV), as well as through a consultation by secret ballot with the General Assembly, requested Algeria, the Dominican Republic, Italy, Jordan and the Russian Federation to propose candidates.

3. The President of the General Assembly has held the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination. The replies received from the President of the Council and from the Secretary-General to identical letters addressed to them on 4 December 1996 by the President of the Assembly are attached (see annexes V and VI).

4. Having completed the required consultations, the President of the General Assembly has the honour to submit to the Assembly the following list of candidates for appointment as members of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 1998 and expiring on 31 December 2002:

Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha (Algeria)

Mr. Homero Luis Hernández Sánchez (Dominican Republic)

Mr. Eduard Kudriavtsev (Russian Federation)

Mr. Francesco Mezzalama (Italy)

Mr. Khalil Issa Othman (Jordan).

ANNEX I

Letter dated 31 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations

In my capacity as Chairman of the Group of African States for the month of October 1996, I have the honour to inform you that, at its meeting on 31 October 1996, the Group endorsed Algeria for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

(Signed) Nsanze TERENCE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX II

Letter dated 22 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations

In my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Eastern European States for the month of July, I have the honour to inform you that the Group has endorsed the candidature of Mr. Eduard Kudriavtsev of the Russian Federation to the Joint Inspection Unit.

(Signed) Peter CHKHEIDZE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX III

[Original: Spanish]

Note verbale dated 22 July 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations, in its capacity as Chairman of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the endorsement of candidates from the Group to fill vacancies in the different organs and bodies of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations is pleased to inform the Secretariat that on 8 July 1996 the States members of the Group endorsed the candidature of Mr. Homero Luís Hernández Sánchez for election to the Joint Inspection Unit.

ANNEX IV

Letter dated 20 September 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Andorra to the United Nations

In my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Western European and other States for the month of September 1996, I have the honour to inform you of the decision taken by the Group at its meeting on 19 September to endorse the candidature of Mr. Francesco Mezzalama (Italy) for election to the Joint Inspection Unit.

(Signed) Juli MINOVES-TRIQUELL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX V

Letter dated 8 April 1997 from the Acting President of the Economic and Social Council to the President of the General Assembly

I should like to refer to your letter of 4 December 1996 in which you informed me that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, consultations have been held with regard to a list of proposed candidates to the Unit. I understand that the list consists of Algeria, the Dominican Republic, the Russian Federation, Italy and Jordan.

I have reviewed the qualifications of the five candidates proposed by the above-mentioned States, namely:

-	Algeria	Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha
-	Dominican Republic	Mr. Homero L. Hernández Sánchez
-	Italy	Mr. Francesco Mezzalama
-	Jordan	Mr. Khalil I. Othman
-	Russian Federation	Mr. Eduard Kudriavtsev

and fully endorse, in my capacity as Acting President of the Economic and Social Council, the five candidates.

(Signed) Juan SOMAVIA
Acting President of the Economic and Social Council

ANNEX VI

Letter dated 26 March 1997 from the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 4 December 1996 regarding the proposed appointment of five members of the Joint Inspection Unit.

In accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, I have the pleasure to inform you that I concur, in my capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, with the following appointments for terms of office beginning on 1 January 1998 and ending on 31 December 2002:

Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha (Algeria)

Mr. Homero Luis Hernández Sánchez (Dominican Republic)

Mr. Eduard Kudriavtsev (Russian Federation)

Mr. Francesco Mezzalama (Italy)

Mr. Khalil I. Othman (Jordan).

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your support in the efforts towards enhancing the cost-efficiency of the Joint Inspection Unit.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN